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Say He Urged JFK to Follow Invasion Plan

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WASHINGTON, April 22 (UPI).—Former President Eisenhower strongly recommended to President Kennedy before the inauguration that the United States allow plans for the ill-fated Cuban invasion to go ahead, authoritative sources said today.

At the same time, officials trying to evaluate this country's Intelligence miscalculation of Cuban military power revealed that 13 or more Soviet ships were apparently in Havana harbor unloading arms one week before the assault.

Administration officials, describing Gen. Eisenhower's endorsement of the assault, said they did not want to place any blame but merely to set the record straight.

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Officials also said that former Vice-President Richard Nixon also backed the plan and so did the Joint Chiefs of Staff under Gen. Eisenhower.

At one point the assault was scheduled to take place last fall, but rebels could not get organized in time, they said.

Officials said U. S. Intelligence badly misjudged both Castro's military power and his degree of police-state control over his people which prevented a local uprising.

They said the entire procedure of intelligence, decision making, military appraisal, and diplomatic machinery involved in the incident are under major review.